

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1 and 2. (Canceled)

Claim 3. (New) A method of dyeing the hair, comprising:
mixing a first pack formulation and a second pack formulation, said first pack
formulation comprising the following ingredients (A) to (D):

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| (A) ammonia or an ammonium salt | 0.1 to 1 mol/kg, |
| (B) a carbonate with the proviso that said carbonate is other than an ammonium salt, | 0.001 to 1 mol/kg, |
| (C) a water soluble salt of iron, | 0.1 to 10,000 ppm, |
| (D) a chelating agent, wherein the molar ratio of (A) to (B) ranges from 0.1 to 5, and the first pack formulation has a pH ranging from 8.5 to 12; and said second pack comprising hydrogen peroxide as an oxidizing agent; | |

applying the mixed first and second pack formulations to the hair;
permitting the applied mixed formulation to dye the hair; and then
removing the applied mixed formulation from the hair.

Claim 4. (New) The method of dyeing hair of Claim 3, wherein the second pack
formulation contains about 6 wt % hydrogen peroxide.

Claim 5. (New) The method of dyeing hair of Claim 3, wherein the hair is dyed at a
temperature ranging from about 15 to 40° C for about 1 to 50 minutes.

Claim 6. (New) The method of dyeing hair of Claim 3, wherein the hair is dyed at a
temperature ranging from about 10 to 30 minutes.

Claim 7. (New) The method of dyeing hair of Claim 3, wherein the applied
formulation is removed from the hair by washing the hair.

Claim 8. (New) The method of dyeing hair of Claim 3, wherein the content of said ingredient (D) in the first pack formulation is 0.01 to 10 wt % based on said composition.

Claim 9. (New) The method of dyeing hair of Claim 3, wherein said water soluble salt of iron is ferrous sulfate or ferrous chloride.

Claim 10. (New) The method of dyeing hair of Claim 3, wherein the chelating agent (D) is ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid, hydroxyethylatedylenediaminetriacetic acid, diethylenetriaminepentaacetic acid, nitrilotriacetic acid, triethylenetetraminehexaacetic acid, a phosphonic acid, tripolyphosphoric acid, ascorbic acid, citric acid, maleic acid or salts thereof.

Claim 11. (New) The method of dyeing hair of Claim 3, wherein said carbonate (B) of the first pack formulation is sodium carbonate, sodium hydrogencarbonate, potassium carbonate, potassium hydrogencarbonate, guanidine carbonate, guanidine hydrogencarbonate, lithium carbonate, calcium carbonate, magnesium carbonate or barium carbonate.

Claim 12. (New) The method of dyeing hair of Claim 3, wherein said pH ranges from 9 to 11.5

Claim 13. (New) The method of dyeing hair of Claim 3, wherein the amount of said carbonate in the composition ranges from 0.01 to 0.5 mol/kg.

Claim 14. (New) The method of dyeing hair of Claim 3, wherein said molar ratio of (A) to (B) ranges from 0.2 to 3.